Response to Office Action of March 3, 2009

Application No.: 10/539,059 Examiner: James M. Hewitt

Art Unit: 3679

LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS

1-5 (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) A directional control means for submerged surface suction

cleaning apparatus comprising:

an elbow joint terminating in an inlet end and an outlet end, the inlet and outlet

ends being inclined relative to each other and defining a peripheral groove adjacent the

ends;

a first extension comprising a cuff fitted over the inlet end of the elbow joint, the

cuff comprising a peripheral rib configured to engage the peripheral groove adjacent the

end of the inlet end in a snap fit, so as to allow the first extension to swivel relative to the

elbow joint, the first extension terminating in a protruding socket to engage an outlet of a

cleaning apparatus; and

a second extension comprising a cuff fitted over the outlet end of the elbow joint,

the second extension comprising a peripheral rib configured to engage the peripheral

groove adjacent the end of the outlet end in a snap fit, so as to allow the second extension

to swivel relative to the elbow joint, the second extension terminating in a protruding

spigot to receive for insertion into a suction hose.

7. (Previously Presented) A directional control means as claimed in claim 6

characterised in that the inlet end and the outlet end are inclined to each other at between

135° and 165°.

8. (Previously Presented) A directional control means as claimed in claim 7

characterised in that the inlet end and the outlet end are inclined to each other at 150°.

9. (Previously Presented) A directional control means as claimed in claim 6

characterised in that the peripheral rib and the peripheral groove are formed with anti-

friction surfaces.

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